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SUBJECT: FONMIN ADAM MALIK COMMENTS ON FOREIGN AID AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. FONMIN ADAM MALIK, SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN FOLLOWING HIS CALL ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO APRIL 23, ECHOED SUHARTO'S STATEMENT REPORTED IN APRIL 11 ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE THAT INDONESIA WOULD RATHER NOT RECEIVE FOREIGN AID IF IT HAD STRINGS ATTACHED, "INCLUDING LINKAGES WITH HUMAN RIGHTS SUCH AS THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IS NOW PROMOTING." HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS INDEED A HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN INDONESIA BUT HE HOPED THE US WOULD NOT TAKE A NARROW VIEW AND JUDGE ONLY BY AMERICAN STANDARDS.

2. MALIK NOTED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS DID NOT ONLY INCLUDE LEGAL RIGHTS, IMPRISONMENT, BEATINGS, ETC., BUT ALSO THE RIGHT TO FOOD AND CLOTHING. HE SAID HE TOLD AUSTRALIAN FONMIN ANDREW PEACOCK IN BANGKOK RECENTLY THAT THERE ARE NOT ONLY PROBLEMS IN EAST TIMOR BUT ALSO IN JAKARTA, WHERE SO MANY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT. THEREFORE, HE SAID, INDONESIA NEEDS FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE THE FULL ENJOYMENT OF THIS TYPE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TOO. AMERICAN PREOCCUPATION WITH THE PURELY LEGAL SIDE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MALIK SAID, IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT AMERICANS ARE ALREADY PROSPEROUS.

3. THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE HAPPY ABOUT THIS SITUATION, SAID MALIK, ARE THE COMMUNISTS, WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT INDONESIA BUT

"WHAT ARE THEY DOING IN CAMPS LIKE VORKUTA, SIBERIA, AND OTHERS?"

4. COMMENT: MAILK'S STATEMENTS ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ARE CLEARLY INTENDED FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION ON THE LAST DAY OF THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN PERIOD, BUT THEY REFLECT A RECURRING THEME IN INDONESIAN CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS - THAT THE RIGHT TO BASIC SURVIVAL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL.  
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